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HOUSE BILL 64

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND
THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR
JAILED AND INCARCERATED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Three million three hundred twenty thousand
dollars (\$3,320,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
the children, youth and families department for expenditure in
fiscal year 2008 in the following amounts and for the following
purposes:

(1) two million six hundred thousand dollars
(\$2,600,000) to contract with community-based providers to work
within local detention facilities to link children and their
caretakers to resources and to facilitate communication and
visitation between jailed and incarcerated parents and their

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1 children;

2 (2) five hundred twenty thousand dollars
3 (\$520,000) to contract with four detention facilities to
4 develop and implement contact visitation programs between
5 jailed and incarcerated parents and their children; and

6 (3) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
7 for equipment to establish videoconferencing capability between
8 the children, youth and families department and corrections
9 department detention facilities.

10 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
11 at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general
12 fund.